

**Interested Persons Meeting
October 7, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.
8th Floor Hearing Room
428 J Street, Suite 800
Sacramento, California 95814**

Discussion of a proposed regulation regarding ballot measure committees controlled by candidates for elective state office, for adoption at the Commission's Meeting in December, 2008.

Candidates for elective state office are now permitted under the Act to control four kinds of recipient committees, as defined at Section 82013(a): (1) a committee from which a candidate conducts a campaign for elective office; (2) a committee formed to defray certain of a candidate's legal defense costs; (3) a committee formed to defray certain of a candidate's "officeholder" expenses; (4) a committee formed to support or oppose one or more ballot measures, including a committee primarily formed to support or oppose a recall.

The first three of these committees are governed by regulations that prescribe crucial details of their formation and operation. However, with the exception of recall committees, candidate-controlled ballot measure committees are not currently described by a regulation, and consequently operate in a variety of forms without the clearly specified rules governing operation of all other candidate-controlled recipient committees. Staff proposes to draft a regulation providing clear guidance on the formation and operation of such committees, to ensure that the purposes of the Act are not compromised by the absence of the clear guidelines that govern the formation and operation of every other kind of candidate-controlled recipient committee.

The Commission would appreciate receiving comments on the utility of such a regulation, and appropriate provisions. Staff will provide a model regulation on or before the meeting date to assist the public in its consideration of the problem.

The Commission encourages attendees to provide input on these issues and to raise additional issues for consideration. The Commission also invites written comments regarding these issues. Written comments may be addressed to Lawrence T. Woodlock, Legal Division Senior Counsel, at the address set forth above. To participate in the interested persons' meeting by telephone, please contact Virginia Latteri-Lopez at (916) 322-5660.